

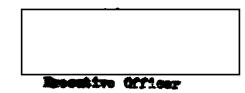
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MENTALED IN FOR THE MORD ASSISTATES

SUBJECT: Prespect of Sevist or Rust German Harasament of Ferlin

Attached for your information and briefing of the Board numbers in connection with the meeting of December 22 is a name-random prepared by the CCB Working Group on Germany relative to the prespect of Soviet or East German harasement of Berlin.

At the OGB lumchess meeting of Becamber 15, it was suggested that the working group be alerted to this general problem from the paint of view of anticipating peoplike Soviet action or reaction in commettion with the ratification of the Burgman defense agreements. Subsequently Mr. Theyer and Mr. Lyon agreed that the attached measurables, proposed by Mr. Lyon after disposation in a mosting of the working group, should be subsitted for the information of the Bard members and it is transmitted for this purpose. Mr. Lyon requested that it be made clear that the memorandum, in this form, however, has not been checked with the working group.



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	SUBJECT:	Prospect of Seviet or East Corner Harmanent of Review

The Working Group on Gormany wishes to call attention to the possibility of Soviet or East Gorman harasment of Herlin as a consequence of ratification of the Paris agreements or perhaps even during the ratification process. Harasment is considered such more likely after ratification than prior thereto, although Soviet or East Gorman threats or gostures may be expected at any time. One of the probable Soviet renations in Gormany to ratification with the a further effort to build up as East Gorman state. In conjunction with the effort the East Gorman will probably be permitted, (or instructed), to harasmed entire and access thereto. Allied protests my well be referred by Soviet officials in a cavalier manage to the East Gorman Government. Possibly they may be prepared to step in to avoid or adjust any especially serious clock which might develop. It is not believed that the Soviete will impose as outright blockade since we do not think they are prepared at this juncture to Passible risk of general way. The likelihood is for herossing measures short of an attempt at prelonged but ultimate strangulation.

Although there are an infinite variety of measures which the CDR could take on behalf of the Soviets, the following are among the more probable:

- (1) Technical reasons for not approving a large percentage of ingus-basicisation (transit papers which are necessary for a large preportion of Sorlin's exports). Since Angust 1953 the GDE has been stamping these papers on behalf of the Soviets. If the GDE refuses to stamp a sufficiently large percentage of transit papers it may become necessary for us to assist the matrix in Government to angusat its conservable aighiff to fly out exports. (The Burling Government has for some time exployed commercial aighiff to fly out a considerable number of those items which have low bulk and high value, e.g. textiles, in order to assure prospt delivery). In considering a possible at arguing of this kind, the Forking Group desires to emphasize that there is an restily available fund which could be drawn upon to institute immediate assistance.
- (2) Delay passage of German commercial traffic to Berlin through technicalities such as vigorous inspection of identity documents and goods of through other technical means.
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- (3) Take measures designed to prevent contact between Pest Corliners and residents of the Soviet Ione; additionally split East Berlin from Fest Corlin, making the sector border a sort of state frontier. These measures could exterinitially an increased influe of refugees into Berlin. A definite splitting of the city would undoubtedly come some immediate dislocation in employment situation 40,000 Berliners live in one-half of the city and work in the other.
- (4) Replace Seviet officials at all check points with CDR pursonnel. No special problem would arise in this event provided CDR efficials confined their activity to checking Allied identity documents and made so attempt to control access. These GDR officials would be viewed by the Allies as agents of the Seviets.

An examination of available reprincie, applicable in Berlin and Newton-Germany, against the types of humasment outlined above, indicates that they are probably insufficient to forde committee. These potential reprisely insufficient to forde committee. These potential reprisely insufficient with Soviet installations, primarily affecting prestige, such as the Nar Monorial in the British Sector or secess to the former radic building in the British Sector which is still used by the Soviets. Other possible reprisely concern suspension of commercial activities or services connected with the Soviet Blog. Next of them would be difficult to apply without videspread concurrence.

The Allied High Commission has proposed a temperatively agreed report which makes recommendations as to the position which the Allies should stopt toward possible future haresequents by East Gorman authorities in the fields general access to Berlin, trauml documentation, commercial relations, particulation of foreign interests in Mast Gormany, and participation of East Gormany in international organizations. This report, which has been approved by the three governments, indicates inter align that the Allies would have to refuse the submit to actual control of access to Berlin by the GDR, although GDR official sacting as agents of the Soviete would be telerated up to a point. This tripartite report is helpful in laying down an agreed general guide in the warful fields in which the GDR could pose special problems. Process Allied countermoves, of course, cannot be rigidly plotted in advance but must be decided in the light of the particular GDR action and all the prevailing circumstances.

In general, the German Kerking Group does not believe the prespect of harasement is such that major urgent seasown is required at this time. The Horking Group does believe, houver, that a disagreeable and difficult of tratical and around Fest Berlin over an extended period may be inaugurated with ratification, although for the present in our judgment it will not assume the proportions of a full-scale blockade.

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